

Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Executive Council
Minutes

The regular meeting of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress was held May 11th 2006 at Lambeau Field Green Bay WI. The meeting was called to order 7:00PM.

PRESENT- District 1- Richard Kirchmeyer, Raleigh Fox District 2- Michael Reiter, Raymond Smith, District 3- Steven Oestreicher, District 4- Tony Jenecek, Jerry Aulik District 5 Marc Schultz, Russell Hitz District 6 David Pool, Tony Blattler, District 7 Dale Maas, Richard Koerner, District 8- Larry Bonde, Edgar Harvy, District 9 David Ladd, Michael Rogers, District 10- Joe Caputo, District 11- David Poff, , District 12- Edward Rewolinski, Theodore Lind. District 10 Kenneth Risley arrived late

Excused - District 11 Paul Madden

Tom Hauge DNR Director of Wildlife gave a presentation on the results of the 2006 Spring Hearing wildlife questions and indicated all questions will move forward with modifications to the question regarding High Cliff State park to muzzleloaders hunting only.

Questions to Hauge

Rewolinkio- Why not shotgun also in High Cliff

Koerner- How much of High Cliff will be open.

Puhl- How will Juneau Co. benefit from pheasant stamp money?

Opahl- Why is Marathon Co. in on the pheasant stamp when in the past DNR didn't except offer from Marathon Co. to belong in the past?

Vice Chair Ed Harvey announced the person to fill Al Phelens position upon retirement is Curt Thiede. Effective June 2nd 2006.

Mike Stagg's Director of Fisheries gave a presentation on the results of the 2006 Spring Hearing fisheries question and indicated all questions will move forward with exception on question 27 regarding water open to bowfishing already being addressed in legislation.

He then gave overview of rules under change.

Shovel nose sturgeon possible size limit change.

Tournament fishing rules will move forward with new survey to be reviewed by Congress.

Question to Stagg's

Schultz- Question on largemouth bass virus?

Public input on sturgeon management especially hook and line fishing.

Puhl- Question on Spring Hearing question 33, sunset 2014 on WI River.

Kirchmeyer- Are sturgeon hearing going to be held throughout state?

Chief Warden Randy Stark gave overview of Law Enforcement issues.

Appreciate support for fee package

He also had 2005 Warden Reports available.

Gave update on work priority for upcoming year.

Question to Stark

Opahl- Question on milfoil?

Blattler- Invasive species Emerald Ash Bore concerns

Kirchmeyer- No Child Left Inside Program. What about left over bear harvest tags?

Hitz- Thank wardens for job well done with Spring Hearing.

Puhl- Warden are in need of specialized equipment, night vision, ect.

DNR Sec. Scott Hassett gave general presentation on DNR issues.

Question to Hassett

Opahl- milfoil concerns?

Kirchmeyer- Colorado no longer testing as much for CWD due to cost?

Ladd- invasive on state lands need to be addressed. Should use proceeds from timber sales to finance effort on invasive.

Schultz- Invasive carp are our largest concern and need to be addressed.

Vice Chair Ed Harvey presented actions on Rules and Resolutions Committee.

Motion By Puhl Second by Mass to refer resolution 630106 to Ex Council.

Motion passed.

Council matters.

Hitz- Timing is right to go for alternate funding.

Bonde- Concerns with how committee questions are handled by Ex Council at January meeting. There is a need for better explanation on committee discussion.

Opahl- Hospitality room number?

Puhl- Promote Congress portion of Spring Hearing better.

Al Phelan- Present Chairman Oestreicher with bear claw necklace.

Oestreicher- Meeting time is 8:30AM sharp Friday. Explained meeting procedure for Friday.

Meeting adjourned 8:37 PM

Submitted: Wisconsin Conservation Congress Sec. Larry Bonde